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SEVENTH AND MILL

Formerly known as the Long Wong's site, this proposed development includes a four star, 240 room hotel with over 25,000 square feet of conference center and 46,000 square feet of health club and spa amenities. The commercial program also includes approximately 34,000 square feet of retail space. The residential component of the program calls for the development of 370 residential units, offering a range of living accommodations and prices. The project height starts at 50 feet off Mill Avenue, then steps back to 75 feet, then steps back again to 204 feet to include two 26-story buildings and one 19-story building. This project is now entering the development review process and may change as it progresses through the public hearing process and the City Council hearings.

This project is a joint venture by Paragon Sanchez LLC. Sanchez has owned the Long Wong's property for over 10 years. Paragon Development is a developer of large multi-use projects in Nevada and throughout Canada.

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STEEL CITY STEALS US AIRWAYS' NEW CENTER

Pittsburgh has landed Tempe-based **US Airways'** planned \$25 million flight operations control center, which will result in about 150 Valley jobs being transferred to the steel city. The hometown airline, which also had been courted by Phoenix and Charlotte, N.C for the operations center - all three cities offering tens of millions of dollars of incentives to "pick me" - said Wednesday that Pittsburgh was the winner. Pittsburgh currently houses the ops center for US Airways, and Phoenix houses the America West operation. Charlotte, US Airways largest hub before it was bought by America West in 2005, also had a stake in wooing back jobs lost when the airlines merged. The new nerve center for managing and tracking US Airways 1,400 daily flights will be big enough to house 600 employees and will be completed in early 2009. A few of the 150 Valley employees that currently work in the local operations center but are not directly tied to the daily operation may stay in the Valley. Most of the 150 will get offers to relocate to Pittsburgh, or the company will try to find them other jobs in the Tempe headquarters. [Donna Hogan, *Tribune*]

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TOWN LAKE NORTH BANK LANDSCAPE TO OPEN

Another important link to Tempe Town Lake will soon be opening. The **North Bank Linear Park** is located along the northern edge of the lake from the Rural Road bridge to the Indian Bend Wash. It includes a half-mile multi-use path, lush landscaped areas, shade structures, a small amphitheater, two grand staircases, and several picnic tables and benches throughout the linear park. City staff worked with adjacent developers including those for the **Onyx**, **Northshore** and **Grigio** projects to create a seamless, integrated design.

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PLACEMAKING COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING - MONDAY, FEB. 26

The **Placemaking Community Town Hall Meeting** is the second in a series of public meetings for Tempe's **Urban Open Space Development Plan** with consultants **Project for Public Spaces**. PPS is an international, non-profit organization based in New York City dedicated to creating and sustaining public places that build communities. They have done work in 48 states, 24 countries and 1,500 communities worldwide. **Phil Myrick**, the featured speaker, is an authority on revitalizing city spaces, as well as an engaging thinker in livability, smart growth and the future of the city.

This joint Mayor + Council and City Board / Commission / Committee public meeting will be held on **Monday, 26 February** at Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, Palm C from 6-8PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this exciting placemaking project. More info available at www.tempe.gov/comdev/urbanopenspace.htm.

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PLACEMAKING
COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:00 - 8:00 PM
TEMPE MISSION PALMS, PALM C
60 E. FIFTH STREET

INTRO BY MAYOR HUGH HALLMAN
PPS - THE POWER OF 10
WORK TO DATE
DISCUSSION
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